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Production is Supreme Need Always---A Lenten Thought

A SHORT CHAT—by the Editor.

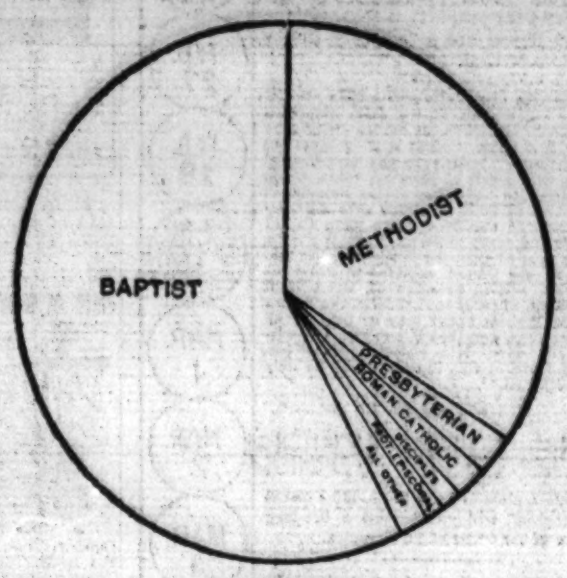
THE world is clamoring for production, and has it never occurred to you that God wants this very thing from His creatures—Production? He wants our lives to abound in good works, each one of which (presuming that we are in a condition to merit supernaturally) will contribute towards building "a dwelling not made with hands in Heaven."

There should absolutely be no unemployment condition among any of the billion and a half sojourners in this world relative to the service of God. The Heavenly Father placed us here on earth for the sole purpose of earning Heaven by *work*, and the opportunity for work is only limited by our capacity for it. Production is what God wants; production is what we should aim at, for we are paid by the piece, and the pay is beyond the conception of our imagination.

To stimulate us to work for Him, Almighty God prevents the gratification of any other ambition from making us happy. We may leave His service to amass material wealth, to seek worldly honors, to indulge our appetites and passions, but sooner or later we must own with Solomon, that in all these things there is only "vanity and affliction of spirit." Wealth and everything in life, life itself, will soon forsake us, and if we do not *produce* for God, we shall not only enter eternity empty-handed but lose our souls. Heaven is *a reward*, and a reward is given only in return for service. Heaven were a gift and not a reward if its attainment did not presuppose service, work, *production*. What we sow that we shall reap. Only our works follow us into eternity; only that work which God has assigned to us and which is performed for Him will merit Paradise.

It will be Heaven or Hell, according as we are faithful or worthless servants, producers or non-producers in the employ of the great Master. We cannot serve two masters. No matter what we might gain in a material way by going on a strike against the Heavenly Father, let us not yield, for "what doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul" (Matt. XVI, 26).

Total population (Gov't. report for 1916) 2,856,065
Number of people affiliated with all churches 1,234,132
Whites 652,313
Negroes 581,724
Indians—Catholic and Protestants 95



GEORGIA

Illiteracy (1910) 389,775
Crime (prison offenses, 1910) 4,994
Divorces (1916) 1,899

Educational Data on States 'neath the Stars and Stripes

GEORGIA

THE Colony of Georgia named after George II of England, was created in 1732 to enable General James Oglethorpe to establish a place in the New World for the unfortunate, and economically unproductive inmates of the wretched English prisons.

Freedom of worship was to be granted to all prospective colonists "except papists." As a frontier settlement against the Catholic colonies of Spain, Georgia speedily justified its existence, war between the rival countries being declared in 1740, and continuing to the great detriment of the bigoted colonists. Mutiny became widespread. Oglethorpe's life was threatened and actually attempted. Letters of dissent and charges against Oglethorpe reached Parliment, and he returned to England to face a general court martial on nineteen charges, from which he was completely exonerated. But he had done with the Colony and never returned to Savannah.

From this inauspicious beginning to the present day the ghosts of ignorance and intolerance have stalked abroad in the land as is shown by the following: "Georgia has an estimated population of nearly three millions, and there are not twenty thousand Catholics in the entire State. Among the forty-eight States of our Union, Georgia ranks first in lynching, and in illiteracy she stands in the forty-fifth rank; that is to say, that in illiteracy or ignorance, there are only three States lower. In religious intolerance and bigotry she stands very high, with the possibility of being excelled only by Florida and Alabama. For the past ten years a persistent and venomous campaign of anti-Catholic bigotry has swept through the State. Calumnious and mendacious attacks on the Church and on Catholics have found place in papers all over the State. The chief offender in this campaign of slander and calumny has been a notorious editor, whose words are eagerly read, and as eagerly copied in nearly all the papers throughout the State. As a result of this situation it is absolutely impossible for a Catholic to be elected to any office in Georgia. It matters not how well equipped he may be for the office, nor how utterly unfit and even dishonest may be his competitor, the Catholic candidate is sure to be defeated. In the last Congressional election a number of candidates based their hope for election on a platform denouncing the Catholic Church. The minds of the people have been poisoned by these daily attacks on the Church and her teaching. An instance of the extent of this feeling is shown in the fact that, during the war the paper published by this man, Watson was suppressed by the United States Government for disloyalty; yet, when a short time afterwards he ran for the Congress—the war yet going on—and appealed for votes solely on the ground that he was opposed to the Catholic Church, he was only defeated by a very narrow margin."

In Georgia, hosts of working children are under fourteen years of age

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Fidelity of Martyrs Urges us to Prize Our Holy Faith

(By Rev. Albert Muntsch, St. Louis University)

THE early history of the Catholic Church is to a large extent the history of persecutions by pagans, unbelievers, and those of her own fold These trials began in the first century when corrupt, pagan Rome looked upon the Christians, who were beginning to spread over the Mighty Empire, as disloyal to the state. Then came the rack, the foul dungeon, the bloody arena, the gibbet;—so many instruments of torture for those professing the Christian name. The great persecutions of heathen Rome finally ceased after the victory of Constantine the Great over Maxentius, in the year 328. The Church has stood fast in the storm of trial, nay, "the blood of the martyrs had become the seed of faithful Christians."

Like the scarlet thread running through the first three centuries, these persecutions of the faithful had followed one another, now ceasing for a while, now breaking forth again with unexampled ferocity. No torture seemed too brutal, no treatment too degrading, for those who followed the humble Nazarene. The heretics of the early centuries did not scruple to resort to prison and bloodshed to break down the faith of the followers of Christ. But the Christians went to death rejoicing, just as did the Apostles, the first glorious band to give testimony to the faith with their life-blood.

Why continue the recital of the painful yet heroic story? Have not our brethren been persecuted even in later times? In Japan they suffered torments for the faith which were not less grewsome than those meted out to the Christian believers under Diocletian. And this happened as late as the seventeenth century. In so-called Christian countries we behold a persecution which, if less sanguinary, is not less cunning and brutal We see religious orders driven into harsh exile, their members falsely accused of vile crimes. In Germany, as late as 1871, bishops were driven from their sees and put in prison, because they dared obey God rather than man

In Mexico the churches were desecrated and men consecrated to God were put to death. The powers of hell never cease in their hideous effort to dethrone Christ. But seeing their many abortive attempts, should we not take courage in the words of the Master: "If they have persecuted me they will persecute you."

Though our land has so far been spared the horror of persecution unto blood, we must none the less be prepared against a more silent attempt to belittle the Church of Christ and to rob us of our Catholic inheritance The poison of religious indifference is spread in literature, in the press, in systems of education and from the lecture platform. Let us beware of wolves in sheep's clothing. May the example of the glorious army of Christian martyrs be an incentive to prize above all things our fair Christian name, and our fellowship in the one holy Church. Let us show ourselves worthy of so many valient men and women who sealed with their life's blood their love for God and truth and for the name of Christ.

The splendid record of persevering fidelity to the high ideals of the Catholic faith, which history has written to the credit of our Christian forefathers in various lands, forms one of the most inspiring and consoling chapters in the story of the Church of God through the centuries.

Observations of One Well-intentioned but not Fully-informed Concerning Catholic Church

EXCERPTS FROM "THE OUTLOOK FOR RELIGION" BY REV. W. E. ORCHARD.

Published by Funk & Wagnalls Company.

THOSE of us who are not Catholics can see certain great ideas bound up with the claims of Rome It is a great thing to feel that one belongs to the Church that has come down unbroken from the great years of persecution, that one is taking part in a service which never needs to change in any age or country, that one has a visible leader to whom one can look for direction. . . . Protestants might begin to admit that they had lost a good deal at the Reformation, and that they had sometimes broken step too readily.

Puritanism has developed a somewhat morose attitude towards recreation, art, and ritual, and its prejudices have helped to diminish the sense of beauty and make our common life deplorably ugly. It has sometimes been obstinate, trivial, and made Nonconformity appear an impossible position, vetoing everything that any other church does simply because that Church does it, refusing to do anything that any one else does. But this temper is passing away; the Puritan Spirit now craves a Church which shall be a nursery and school of saints and it is willing to recognize that Catholic churches do produce a certain type of saintliness that they cannot produce; that the sacramental system gives a humility, an awe, an absence of parade and pompousness that their own system seems sometimes to encourage. But they do still demand that there shall always be room for free prophecy, for free prayer, for the freer forms of worship. Will the other churches not consider these demands? Are one sect today that the Catholic shall abandon his Mass or his Liturgy, or purge his worship of the supernatural and the mystical; but alongside of these it is demanded that there shall be provision for the other types of worship which develop reliance, understanding and independence. But Nonconformists must really get rid of many of their prejudices, their absurd pretence that their system needs no admixture of Catholic ideals, their everlasting claims to the superior because they can do without so many of the aids to worship that Catholics confess they need. Many Nonconformists are quite aware of the strong devotional life that exists and nourishes itself on forms that they themselves despise; and they are probably equally aware of a certain vulgarity, irreverence and indecency that their own type of free-and-easy worship sometimes begets They therefore are also a hindrance to reunion, and we have to make the same charge of obstinancy, imperiousness and uncharitableness that we have to complain of in the attitude of Rome or the rigid Anglo-Catholic.

The Churches have not only divided the Body of Christ; they have divided the soul of man. If one sets out in this modern world to find a Church which shall provide real spiritual fellowship, one soon discovers that in every church that exists we can have freedom or authority, mysticism or rationalism, the supernatural or the natural, liturgical or free prayer trained and prepared preaching or untrained and unprepared preaching, a worship dominated by awe or directed like a public meeting; whereas a human being wants all these things at one time or another.

What is wanted is a vision of the universality of Christ, a conviction of the Catholicity of Christianity, the awakening of man's entire nature Officials and leaders can have little idea of the craving for a Catholic Christianity that is working among the rank and file; mainly because it generally voices itself in vague discontent, the poor souls not knowing quite what is the matter with them, and rushing round to all the new cults in turn in a vain search after what they are quite unaware Catholic Christianity amply provides.

Surely the Catholic sacraments have an attraction of their own, Catholic practice can defy competition, and the Catholic faith take care of itself

The Child's Right to Religion is of Paramount Importance

By Rev. H. C. Hengell, Madison, Wis.

THE child's right to religion implies the duty on the part of the parents or on the part of those who take the place of its parents to secure and protect that right. Everyone loves to think and to talk of his rights, but how few reflect that they can have no rights unless others have the duty to respect those rights.

Obviously if I have a right to anything, it is because others have the duty to respect my right, and, under circumstances, to protect it. Conversely, if another has a right, I have a duty towards him with regard to that right. The child's right to religion means that the parents are in duty bound to make religion the secure possession of their child.

The duties of the parents towards their child begin even before they become engaged to be married. Young men and young women of Catholic faith should think of the religious rights of possible future children when they begin to go to parties and other social gatherings. Generally speaking they should attend only those social gatherings in which they will meet young people of their own faith. An ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure. Young people of Catholic faith cannot frequent the company of non-Catholics without jeopardizing the right of possible future children to the Catholic religion. It is a fallacy, condemned by experience, to say, "O, we just go to shows and parties sometimes. We do not mean anything serious." Too often attachments between Catholics and non-Catholics are started in this way and grow almost imperceptibly until the young people imagine that they cannot get along without each other. It is then too late to prevent a mixed marriage with its train of unhappiness for the parents and of spiritual danger to their future children.

The child's right to religion implies the duty of its parents to seek and to practise the one true religion. Difference in religion between the parents usually breeds religious indifference in the child. The child will scarcely consider the Catholic religion so important and essential when either its father or its mother denies by example, if not by words, that it is the most important and essential thing in life. It may be possible to pick out cases in which, apparently, at any rate, the children born and reared in homes founded upon mixed marriages are loyal, practical Catholics, but these cases are the rare exceptions and not the rule. Such children are good Catholics not because but in spite of the mixed marriage of the parents. Sane men and women are guided in their conduct by what is the rule and not by what is the exception. It is positively foolish and sinful to tempt Providence by relying on a sort of moral miracle in entering upon a mixed marriage condemned by both faith and reason.

Parents who notably neglect to feed and to shelter their children or who do not take the ordinary, necessary means to restore them and to keep them in health are criminals before the law and the state punishes them, because the children have a right to all these things.

Parents or guardians who fail to protect the property rights of children are held personally liable by the courts for all such neglect.

What, then, will be the punishment meted out by an all just God to parents who neglect to protect the highest, the most essential, the one permanent right of the child, its right to religion? What will they say to the Good Shepherd who "giveth His life for His sheep?"

News Items of Interest to Our People Culled From the Non-Catholic Press

"DECLINE OF RELIGION" DISCUSSED BY PASTOR.

"New York, Feb. 22.—'The decline in religion' in the United States was discussed by Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, in a sermon today at the church of the Divine Paternity, in which he declared 'that twenty per cent of the pastors who were with us before the war have resigned to enter other occupations.' Dr. Newton recently returned to America after resigning the pastorate of the city temple in London.

"'Out of the 110,000,000 people in the United States,' he added, 'not more than 44,000 attend services in any religious denomination. Today there are 3,000,000 less Christians attending Sunday school than there were before the war.'

"He added that 'patriotic citizens could not help feeling alarmed at the growing indifference to the church,' and that pastors were 'leaving their pulpits because they could not preach to empty benches.'

"'What is the reason,' he inquired. 'It is Bolshevism? You know what the Bolsheviks did to Russia. Are we coming to the same thing here?'

"'The other day,' he continued, 'a man came to me and asked if I wanted to sell my church. I said, is that your business, buying churches? Yes, he replied, that is my regular business, buying and selling churches. How much do you want for yours?'"

MONKS.

"Out of the monasteries came the printing press; out of the monasteries came the universities; out of the monasteries came the libraries; out of the monasteries came the prayerbook the Litany, the Te Deum. It was in the monasteries the foundation of English literature was laid; it was in the monasteries that the first New Testament was written; it was in a monastery that the Bible was first translated into English.

"The monk, under God, was the great architect of civilization.

"These monks were scholars. These monks had the time and learning and the devotion in an age when there were no books to seek out for all the sources of the Bible, and to copy and illumine old letters and old manuscripts.

"Take all the manuscripts from which our modern Bible is derived, which have had such a strange story of preservation; not one of them would exist today had it not been for the fidelity and the scholarship of the monks of the Middle Ages. They kept learning alive; they wrote the only books in that time, and some of which are still alive. Many of our hymns came from distant ages. Our 'Jerusalem the Golden' came from the pen of the Abbot of Cluny. It was St. Bernard of Clairvaux who wrote 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded.'"—Rev. M. Waters (Congreg.), Brooklyn, N. Y.

WAR ON RADICALISM.

"The attorney general is over-anxious in stating that his measure is aimed at neither free speech nor free press. The man who stands on the street corner and publicly incites rebellion against our government as well as the newspapers preaching the same doctrine are no longer able to hide themselves behind the fetishes of free speech and free press. Whenever in this country sentiment has found a chance for expression, it has been overwhelmingly against a tolerance for the agencies of destruction. These must be put down at any cost and if in the process, we are compelled to reverse our ideas concerning some of the alleged blessings we have been hugging to our bosoms, we at least shall have the satisfaction of knowing that speech and press are freer than they would be under the tyrannical heel of bolshevism.

"But the attorney general, in drafting his law, should not be too precise in defining the so-called 'red' press. The margin between it and a clash of newspapers notoriously yellow is small. And as between the two, the latter is the more dangerous because the 'yellows' deal in subtle poisons cunningly concealed in apparently innocent paragraphs."—Toledo Times, Nov. 18, 1919.

How Easily the "Intellectuals" Are Deceived by Spiritualism

By Adelaide Margaret Delany.

I CONFESS that I was quite excited when we boarded a car, Dr. S. and I, which upon the evening of the engagement was to take us to the outskirts of the city for our mutual first venture into the realms of the mystic and the unknown. Both my escort and myself admitted that "there must be something in it" or our doctor friend for whose intellectual attainments we had such respect could never have endorsed it.

We finally reached the street, but found the Cope house with difficulty. It was set down in the middle of the block of three story homes, but was so "cushrouded" quite appropriately, in darkness, that we had to feel every step carefully before us, as we went up the little path which led to it, and groped for the bell.

Cautiously, slowly, the door was opened. A head thrust itself out into the darkness. A voice, masculine, demanded: "Who is it?"

We gave our names. The head nodded, and the door was opened; cautiously, slowly, we entered. The atmosphere was not properly attuned to spiritist traditions for me at first for instead of a "dimly lighted hall" leading into "dimly lighted rooms," we were led through a normally illumined passage, into a cheery dining-room and were told by Mr. Cope to remove our coats. Two things stood out conspicuously in the details of that room's furnishing, while I, quite unabashed, took in the surroundings A shining red cloth was upon the table, and a little canary bird was flitting about in its cage over the window. These seemed to give a little homey warmth and commonplace reality to a home which was being conducted upon a very abnormal basis.

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Americans Are Well Fed, But Do Not Receive Nourishment

By Alfred W. McCann.

LIX.

THE "KRONPRINZ WILHELM" POISON SQUAD.—Continued.

There they sat, this group of mystified scientists, in the dining room over the grand salon of the once famous North German Lloyd Transatlantic liner. The luxurious salon itself had been filled with coal. The ship's sumptuous cabins de lux had been filled with coal. Mystery, tragedy, contradiction and disease brooded in the heart of that once palatial ship.

The bewilderment of the doctors was not wonderful, for the "Kronprinz Wilhelm" herself was but a symbol of the bewilderment of the whole world.

I had no business on that ship. I had been ordered to keep off. I had exhausted every conceivable device and pulled every wire of influence. I had appealed to Washington in vain. I tried to act as a messenger for a ship chandler.

I had tried all the prominent physicians of Newport News, the Collector of Customs, the politicians. Everywhere I received the same answer. Journalists were barred from that ship by an edict that recognized no exception. The order of Von Bernstroff was sweeping and from it there was no appeal.

In despair I stood afar off and watched the sombre grey bulk with her four grey smokestacks and her four grey guns. There, locked up in her sullen heart, was a great truth of unrecognized significance which America must soon learn or for her continued ignorance of which pay a dismal price.

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Children's School and Playground

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK.

7 S. St. Thomas Aquinas.
8 M. St. John of God.
9 T. St. Francis, Rome.
10 W. Forty Martyrs.
11 T. St. Eulogius.
12 F. St. Gregory the Great.
13 S. St. Gerard.

Learn the Answers to the Questions which follow; also learn the meaning of terms frequently used in connection with our religion.

What does today's Gospel teach?

What is forbidden by the Commandment?

What is a sinful thought?

What is a sinful desire?

How can these best be overcome?

Catechetical Instructions

By Rev. R. E. K.

The second mark of the Church is Holiness. We would expect holiness to be found in the true Church of Christ, for Christ Who is holiness itself could not establish a Church that is not holy. Moreover Christ prayed for His Church as we find in the Gospel of St. John, Chap. 17, Verse 17, where we read these words: "Sanctify them in truth." In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in speaking of the Church he says: "Christ delivered himself up for it, that He might sanctify it. In the same Epistle he speaks thus: "A glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle." These words of the inspired writers show us that holiness must be one of the distinct marks of the Church.

How is this holiness shown in the Church? The Church teaches a holy doctrine. She finds in the revealed word of God the doctrine which she preaches to her children. She teaches us that there are ten commandments of God; that these commandments are for all of God's children; she has given us her own precepts founded upon God's commandments in order that we may better keep the decalogue She holds up Christ as the Divine Master after Whom we should fashion our lives. In a word her entire teaching is one that is conducive to holiness of life.

Not only does the Church teach us holiness but she assists us to practice holiness by offering us the means to aid us in acquiring perfection. Every day her ministers celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the fountain of holiness and source of consolation to those who appreciate its sacredness. The Holy Sacrifice is offered daily for all those who avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass gives grace to our souls and cleanses them of all that is defiled. Moreover the Church celebrates many feasts in honor of the Saints of God. The religious ceremonies which she has authorized to bring the truth more clearly to the minds of her children and the images of Christ and His friends the Saints of God, tend to lead men to a life of holiness. She fosters education, she fosters societies, etc., to lead her children to a life of holiness and preserve purity in the hearts of her members.

The Boy Scouts

CHURCH APPROVES SCOUTING.

(By Lawrence Harris, Field Scout Commissioner and Secretary of National Catholic War Council for Indiana.)

SCOUT CODE.

"On my honor I will do my best

1. To do my duty to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout law.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

This is the promise that every boy must make when he becomes a Scout and the Scout law referred to is:

"A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

The principles contained in the promise and law are the Scout code and his every relation must be governed thereby. Scouting places duty to God above all else and gives it first importance in the boy's life, but it maintains an absolutely non-sectarian attitude in this matter. While demanding that each boy have a distinctively religious training, Scouting leaves that training to the Church to which the boy belongs.

Hence we readily see the great desirability of organizing groups of boys comprising those of particular religious beliefs. The sole object of forming distinctively Catholic units or Scouts is to better enable the boy to do his duty to God and to fulfill the requirement of the twelfth Scout law —"A scout is reverent" according to the teachings of our Holy Religion.

The Scout motto—"Be Prepared" is a watchword of the movement. Each boy seeks to be ready mentally and physically to meet emergency and to be able to care for himself under all circumstances as well as to extend aid to others in necessity. Therefore the Scout is instructed in first aid and bandaging. He knows how to control bleeding from veins and arteries and how to revive a partially drowned person. He knows how to find north by the stars and to tell all compass directions by use of an ordinary watch. He can build a fire easily on a rainy day and can cook a palatable meal over an open fire. He knows the names of the trees, birds and plants and recognizes poisonous varieties and those useful for food or any other purpose.

The Scout Good Turn is the habit of doing daily one or more acts of kindness and helpfulness without tips or pay. This is a Scout characteristic and has won many friends and supporters for the movement. Delegates to conventions have been met at the station and directed to hotels, their baggage carried by a faithful Scout on duty perhaps at an early morning train on a stormy day. And when they have offered money for the service have received the courteous explanation—"I am a Boy Scout. We are on duty to assist strangers attending the convention. We desire no pay. It is our Good Turn."

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must always be placed when they contain the Holy Eucharist.

To make, measure 18 inches along the selvage of your linen, cut along a drawn thread to the other selvage, then split this piece to make two squares 18x18 inches. Turn one-half inch hems all around the corporal and sew by machine or by hand. It is permissible to put a neat lace—val or a lace of similar daintiness—all around the edge, which trimming should not be more than one-half inch wide and fulled sufficiently when turning the corners to allow for a tiny fullness and also for shrinkage, as the linen is shrunken if the directions given in last week's article were followed.

When a cross has been made on the corporal, it will be finished.

Next Week: The Pall.

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If every reader gave $1.00 (and who would feel it?) how the Kingdom of God would flourish! Now, during the season of Lent, is the acceptable time. **Today** is the best time of all—therefore, send your $1.00 today.

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A GOOD FLORIDA (17c) LUNCHEON

Along about Christmas time a little town in Florida held a Farmers' Rally, and the Clubwomen were able to give the 500 persons in attendance a splendid Noon-luncheon, according to press reports—for 17 cents per plate. Most of the articles appearing on the Menu were home-grown.

The High-Cost-of-Living today is bearing down most heavily on salaried folks—office managers, clerks, professional men, and others of that class. According to Bradstreet's, living costs stood last December at 131 per cent above pre-war level. Profiteering, extravagance and inflation of the currency all have their effect, but the real, fundamental, underlying cause of our troubles is UNDER-PRODUCTION.

Florida growers, however, need worry but little about their own living costs, when you consider the big prices they receive for luxuries shipped north in mid-winter. The Christmas strawberries brought them from 90c to $1.00 and as high as $1.46 per quart, after shipping and selling expenses were paid. In December Green String Beans brought close to $6.00 per hamper in New York. Tomatoes shipped to Northern markets brought $2.75 to $4.00 per crate, and Peppers $3.25.

The Leesburg Commercial states: "We visited a twelve-acre farm Saturday—ten acres in fruit and the crop sold on the trees this season for $10,000 cash. Cost of production was $1,100, leaving $8,900 for interest on the investment—nearly 18 per cent on a value of $5,000 per acre."

These are not "Pipe Dreams"; they are FLORIDA FACTS. Grove land that is at present in an uncultivated state will not last forever in Florida—note the lesson of California. Acreage for sale in Orange County some of the finest orange and trucking lands in the state.

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How Easily the "Intellectuals" Are Deceived By Spiritualism

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from weaknesses of my kind—I myself fell a victim to the persuasion of a brilliant woman, and my own intellectual curiosity.

"Do you know what I find the greatest help to me in my practice of medicine?"

A woman physician friend in Baltimore, put this question to me, in her office where I was being diagnosed for a nervous headache.

"What do you find helpful?" I absently asked.

"Spiritualism." Profound conviction was in her statement.

I fell back, groaning in my chair. She must have thought my symptoms indicated a physical disability more serious than a headache for she exclaimed: "What's the matter?"

"Nothing," I replied, wearily; "go on; go on."

She went on. They always do. She told me stories on innumerable patients, who suffered nervously, because of the death of a beloved one whose mental depression baffled all medical skill, but who later after attendance at seances and consultations with disciples of the occult, were restored to cheerful normality.

"We work together," the doctor confessed at the end. "The medium and myself get marvelous results!"

"Consulting Spiritualists is it now? That's a new one on me. I know you old-school doctors fought against homeopathy, and Christian Science and Osteopathy, chiro-practik and what not, and then made concessions Now it seems it's to be the spiritualists you'll have to embrace."

"Don't be cynical," she charged. "One has to be up-to-date."

"Looks to me as though you had to be ahead of date. These fortune-teller mediums usually tell you that in ten years from now you will have accumulated a fortune and a rich husband."

The fervor of her discovery was in her and she paid no attention to "asides." She was going on with more stories; relating instances of grief-stricken women, who having vainly tried pellets and nostrums found restoration for mind and body in spiritist gatherings.

"Where does your celebrated medium live?" It was Eve's first bite at the apple.

"On K. street," came the glib reply "They are very select. One cannot go there without an introduction." She looked at me a moment;—to see if I was "select" enough I suppose and then said:

"I'll make an engagement for you with them and let you see for yourself how wonderful it all is. I think I'll make an engagement for Dr. S (she mentioned the name of a gentleman physician) for he is just as much of a skeptic as you are, and you both could go together. You'll both have more respect for my judgment afterwards."

She is the kind of a person who railroads things she undertakes, right through to a terminal, always. Passively enough I allowed her to do the railroading of her plan, to get the other skeptical friend and me, within the sacred portals of the home of Mr and Mrs. Cope, the medium and her husband. First of all she got the Cope's on the wire. After much assurance upon her part that both myself and the doctor were deeply interested from a "scientific angle only," the spiritists consented to having us at a "select" seance upon the following Wednesday. Details of introduction of the other scientifically inclined investigator to me over the "phone," arrangement for a meeting place the following auspicious Wednesday, were likewise easily managed by the energetic doctor protagonist of the cult. (To be continued.)

Americans Are Well Fed, But Do Not Receive Nourishment

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After sinking fourteen French and British merchantmen, she had successfully run the gauntlet that brought her to her safe retreat in American waters. No one in the world dreamed that Sunday morning that the Kronprinz Wilhelm would some day carry American troops to France.

We are not concerned with the raider's exploits before she flew the Stars and Stripes, but with the consequences of her marvelous experience under the German flag.

When she put into Newport News she was stricken with a disease the doctors called "beri-beri."

One hundred and ten of her crew of five hundred were prostrated. The others were on the verge. Throughout the newspapers of the United States was spread the report that the sailors were the victims of eating polished rice.

Government experts, state experts, specialists in private practice, and great numbers of eminent health officers and physicians, hastened to the ship to hold consultation over the curious disease. They all pronounced it beri-beri, and they all insisted it was caused by eating polished rice.

The medical magazines had been filled with discussions of beri-beri, always associating the disease with the diet of polished rice. Beri-beri and polished rice had become "scientific" twins. It was orthodox to think of them together, hence the opinion of the experts was sound enough to satisfy the world.

When on April 6, 1915, I climbed up the side of the vessel (I will tell you how I got there later), I was admitted to the consultation of twelve doctors and officers who were discussing the queer malady, its cause and its possible remedy. "Surely it is beri-beri," they were saying, "but how does beri-beri differ from pellagra, and how does pellagra differ from scurvy, and how does scurvy differ from neuritis, and how does neuritis differ from pernicious anemia, and why is the disease not scurvy instead of beri-beri, and why is it not pellagra instead of either?" and so on and so on.

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After Dinner Story

Max of the North

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN.

A Child Shall Lead Them.

"It's an aggravated case of aortic stenosis," asserted the urban practitioner as an hour afterwards he came from the sick room, "or, in more conventional terms, the heart is suffocating in its own blood."

"Is there any immediate danger," asked the brother not only with lips but with eyes which hungered only for one answer.

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"What can be done now?" asked Max almost desperately.

"Just wait. I've given her a sleeping potion so you had better leave her undisturbed for a few hours. I'll call at about nine o'clock. Good night, Mr. Gilbert; probably better news in the morning."

Max crossed the hall and entered his private office.

With his faithful Indian dog beside him, he seated himself before the grate. All the curtains were drawn; the room was enveloped in utter darkness.

"Come over here, Sticks," he murmured in the Indian tongue to the dog, "let's have a little talk." Now must he brood over his own troubles. Doree, he was certain would recover, but what of the other calamity! All was lost.

Once more the reminiscent figure spoke in measured tones. "Do you think, old dog, we made a mistake in going away?"

The last remark, however, diverted the speaker's thoughts into a new channel, and he continued, addressing the dog: "We're not sorry, though are we, pal? We've got Doree, haven't we? You like Doree, too, don't you, Sticks, old fellow?"

Another pause. "She doesn't know yet, does she, Sticks? She's too sick to hear about the fire."

There was something deeply pathetic in this figure of strength resorting in his present abandonment to these childish means of staving off the despair that tried so hard to overpower him.

No, he could not sit there in darkness while not far away the vortex of fire was consuming his all. He would ascend to the highest porch of his little home and watch a calamity that with every hour meant only greater destruction to his past ambitions.

"Come dog," he laughed strangely. "I'll be an Indian priest tonight; our cycle has come to a close; the fires of the tribe will all soon be extinguished."

Seated upon the porch a moment later, he watched grimly the clouds of sparks and smoke which arose from a once beautiful city.

"The vortex of fire! the vortex of fire!" he hissed. "It has dragged me to the bottom: Max Gilbert is lost!"

Again there was long silence. Fire-Sticks tried to engage the attention of his master but in vain; the kind master, the ambitious master of the olden days, would be known no more.

"Ruined! Ruined!" he exclaimed with raised voice, hiding his face in his hands. Had life's excessive burden driven him insane?

"Here, old dog," he laughed hoarsely. "We're going back to Silver Fox, back to the Dakotahs"—A long pause —"I'll be chief now and Doree will be princess."—"Ha! Ha! We fought a mighty battle and lost—I've ruined a city, I'm driven out"—Then as sad as human voice could make it,—"Yes, driven out forever, forever from my own."

So engrossed was the man in his deathlike despair, that he did not notice the entrance of a white figure with loosely flowing, golden hair.

"Like the Indian follows his deadliest foe," he repeated with glowing eyes. "It's took late, too late."

A gentle hand was laid on his shoulder and he turned about to behold his sister Doree, a heavy white cloak thrown over her.

"Doree!" he exclaimed, only half aroused even at this sight. "You here? I thought you were sleeping."

Then all that's beautiful in womanhood, all that's sweet in childhood came forth in this remarkable girl. "Max," she began in heartrending tones, "I know it all; I know it all. You're ruined."

He didn't even ask her how she had discovered the fact. "Yes, Doree," he affirmed, his head sunk on his breast. "Your brother is ruined."

She climbed into his lap and clasped her hands about his neck. "Max, Max," she breathed distractedly. "You've given up in despair; I heard your remarks about flight to Winnepegosis."

He didn't seem to hear her. "How did you come to know about the fire?" he asked with dull interest.

"I didn't know, Max, until now," she explained, rising again to gaze on the horizon of fire. Knowing of the hundredth chance, she at once understood the dire results of the conflagration. "I know you're ruined, Max," she continued, raising her white arm toward the red scene. "I know your company is bankrupt tonight; I know you've ruined thousands of the poorest people in Hull."

A groan like final despair came from her brother. It cut her to the quick and again she sought refuge in his arms. "Max! Max!" she pleaded. "I'll not leave you though the whole world be against you. We'll go away together, back to Silver Fox, perhaps, and there we'll forget."

"You angel!" he exclaimed hungeringly while he pressed her to his bosom. "Thank God, you're still here. I know you'll not leave me even in my disgrace."

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Your friend evidently overlooked the value of words, for the text to which you refer reads, "Going therefore teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." If they were to teach all nations surely this commission would not refer to the Jewish people alone. In a parallel passage of St. Mark where he records Christ's Resurrection and His appearance to the Apostles we find these words, "And He said to Them: Go ye into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Surely your friend does not maintain that the Jews, numerous as they were, were to be found in the whole world. Surely it would mean that the Apostles were to preach the Gospel to all men. No one will maintain that the Jews were the only intelligent creatures of God. The Gentiles were able to understand the mysteries of God's kingdom when the Apostles preached to them.

Moreover, the very actions of the Apostles indicated that Christ intended for them to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all nations. This they literally did, going among Jew and Gentile to spread the Kingdom of God.

Is there a Sisterhood connected with Maryknoll?

Yes, these is a Sisterhood connected with Maryknoll, which has been authorized by our Holy Father the Pope. At the present time there are a number of those noble women who are assisting in the domestic work. One of these is a Dominican Sister who undertook to form the others into a religious body which would be consecrated to the work of the Foreign Missions. Through the efforts of His Grace Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York, word has been received from the Sacred Congregation of Religious stating that the Sisterhood is to be called the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic. This Sisterhood is to establish at Maryknoll a novitiate.

At the present time the activities of the Maryknoll Sisters are confined to local duties. They assist in the care of the mailing list and correspondence connected with the mission publication entitled "The Field Afar." Besides this clerical work, they are engaged in the domestic duties in the institution. Upon the completion of the postulants' probation they will be sent to various Missions in foreign countries according to their talents and the number of postulants.

What is a vocation? If possible publish a prayer for the choice of a state of life.

A vocation is a call from God to some particular state in life. There are many vocations in life to which many are called according to the talents and graces which God gave to them and all these vocations lead, if one be faithful to the duties connected with them, to the thrones of God's mercy. While all these vocations come from God there is one that is the highest. This vocation is the call to the religious life. Christ said to the young man, "If thou will be perfect, go sell what thou hast and give to the poor, and come and follow me." Frequently Christ told His hearers to follow His example if they sought to be perfect. The one who receives a call to the religious life and lives true to its councils and precepts is following more closely in the footsteps of the Master than is any one in another vocation. St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi calls the religious life the most precious grace after Baptism that God can bestow on earth. St. Bernard wrote: "A religious lives more purely, falls more rarely, rises more speedily, walks more cautiously, is bedewed more frequently with Heavenly graces, rests more securely, dies more confidently, is purged more quickly and rewarded more abundantly." After reading these praises of the religious life one should appreciate God's goodness should he or she receive the Master's call to this holy life.

A suitable prayer for the choice of a state of life is the following, to which was attached an indulgence of 300 days, once a day, by Pius X, May 6 1905:

O My God, Thou Who art the God of wisdom and of counsel, Thou Who readest in my heart the sincere will to please Thee alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life, entirely in conformity with Thy most holy desire; grant me, by the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin, my Mother, and of all my holy patrons, especially of St. Joseph and St. Aloysius, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when to embrace it, so that in it I may be able to pursue and increase Thy glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy holy will. Amen.

Is Baptism administered by a priest to a non-Catholic, who is to become a Catholic and has been baptized?

Baptism being one of the Sacraments which can be administered but once, cannot be repeated once it has been validly received. When a baptized person presents himself to the priest for admittance into the fold of the Catholic Church, the priest instructs him upon all the fundamental teachings of the Church. The length of these instructions depends upon the aptitude of the person, and other conditions which may make a long and thorough instruction impossible. After the convert is sufficiently instructed he is required to make a profession of faith, and because he must believe in the teachings of the Catholic Church, he is instructed in these teachings before being required to make this profession. While he is receiving these instructions the priest makes an effort to determine whether the former Baptism was valid or not. If it was valid he is not rebaptized. If it was invalid he is baptized absolutely. If there is a question as to the validity of the former baptism, he is baptized conditionally.

Is it proper to receive Holy Communion during a Requiem High Mass, or any other Mass said in black vestments?

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Reader Speak to Readers

Littleton, N. C., Dec. 10, 1919.
Our Sunday Visitor,
Huntington, Ind.

I happened by chance to pick up a copy of the Christian Herald, a Protestant weekly published in New York City, in which I saw an article entitled, "The Conquest of Mexico by Love." One paragraph reads as follows: "Protestant missions have an investment of $2,000,000 in Mexico. The new projects call for many times that sum. The Union university in Mexico City alone will mean $5,000,000." It also states that this work is being carried on by the combined efforts of eight leading Protestant denominations. These unfortunate people are in a destitute condition and are easy prey to the gold of the Protestant missionaries.

I am a regular reader of a number of Catholic magazines and papers, and in these I find plenty about the political affairs of Mexico, the revolution and its causes, but very little about Catholic missions. And it looks as though we are going to continue to clamor through the press of the wrongs the Church has suffered in the unhappy country, while our Protestant brethren are "making hay while the sun shines" and reaping the results of those golden moments which we are allowing to slip by unheeded. And it is the same in Europe and elsewhere. The Protestants are "on the job," while we Catholics, now that the war is over, are settling back into our rut. We do not seem to be fully alive to the situation. Think what wonderful results could be attained if Catholics could be aroused to see the need of funds for the missions as our Protestant friends do. Let's get together. I am sure that if Catholics could be made to see just how things are we would see a decided change in our missionary work.

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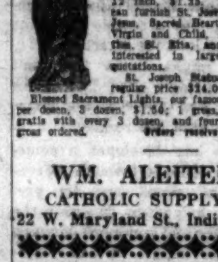

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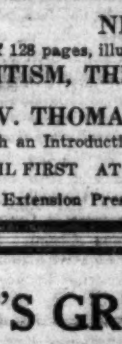

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